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1. Victor Atala, who has been prominent in Lima spiritualist circles, has been exiled from Peru because his activities were considered dangerous to the Odria government.
2. Atala was the organizer of a seance some time ago in which the spirit of the late Marshal Benavides is alleged to have told the participants that President Odria was betraying the military junta and his Peruvian army comrades for his own personal gain. War minister General Zenon Noriega attended the seance, and later repeated the charges heard at the seance. When Odria learned about the seance, he first ordered Atala jailed, and later expelled him.
3. The son of a Syrian, Atala was born in Peru and is believed to be a Peruvian citizen. He has been employed by the Fabrica de Vidrio Peruana in the suburb of Miraflores.

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